1	2	3	4	5	6
10	J & K	29	5233.82	36	6851.15
11	Jharkhand	3	956.35	7	1130.47
12	Karnataka	4	1323.89	5	2004.71
13	Kerala	18	4474.02	10	3124.31
14	Madhya Pradesh	10	3668.47	16	3952.66
15	Maharashtra	13	2839.05	5	1279.44
16	Manipur	9	939.35	5	1110.77
17	Meghalaya	9	1435.29	2	674.40
18	Mizoram	9	2613.38	5	1692.94
19	Nagaland	8	2340.32	21	2241.35
20	Orissa	13	2826.84	12	2376.30
21	Punjab	13	3223.37	1	397.89
22	Rajasthan	8	953.84	2	1554.46
23	Sikkim	13	2609.42	27	6036.48
24	Tamil Nadu	11	1866.41	13	2831.80
25	Tripura	4	291.27	11	1110.76
26	Uttarakhand	16	1907.50	5	2081.04
27	Uttar Pradesh	7	3329.06	7	2833.03
28	West Bengal	10	2978.32	12	3243.17
29	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0.00	0	0.00
30	Chandigarh	2	15.00	2	20.00
31	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0.00	0	0.00
32	Delhi	5	2400.09	7	749.08
33	Daman & Diu	0	0.00	0	0.00
34	Lakshadweep	1	7.00	1	782.73
35	Pudduchery	1	500.00	6	1610.88
	TOTAL :	278	64242.08	277	64513.23

Foreign tourist arrival in India

220. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of India in the world, during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 was only 0.49 per cent, 0.52 per cent, 0.55 per cent respectively in Foreign Tourist arrivals;

(b) what is the present scenario in this context;

(c) whether there were about 7.59 million international tourist arrivals in Singapore in 2006 as compared to 4.45 million foreign tourist arrivals in India;

(d) how does India compare with Thailand, Sri Lanka, Philipines, regarding foreign tourist arrivals;

(e) what is Government's reaction to above statistics; and

(f) the remedial steps taken to attract more tourists from foreign-countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the latest available estimates, the share of India in the international tourist arrivals during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 was 0.49 per cent, 0.52 per cent and 0.56 per cent respectively. In 2008, India's share increased to 0.58 per cent.

(c) to (e) Number of international tourist arrivals in Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Philippines and India during 2006 and 2007 are given below.

Country	International Tourist Arrivals (million)		
	2006	2007	Growth rate 2007/06
Singapore	7.59	7.96	4.9%
Thailand	13.82	14.46	4.6%
Sri Lanka	0.56	0.49	(-)11.7%
Philippines	2.84	3.09	8.7%
India	4.45	5.08	14.3%

The growth rate of tourist arrivals in India in 2007 over 2006 has been higher than all these countries. It may also be noted that the arrival figures of these countries except Sri Lanka include the arrivals of their nationals residing abroad. However, in case of India, the arrival figures do not include non-resident Indians (NRIs) as figures for NRIs visiting India are not available.

(f) The steps taken by the Government to attract more foreign tourists to India include:

- Development of tourism infrastructure at tourist sites with the cooperation of other Ministries/ Departments and State/ UT Governments;
- Focusing on growth of hotel infrastructure, particularly that for budget hotels;
- Enhancing connectivity through augmentation of air capacity and improving road infrastructure to major tourist attractions;
- Direct approach to the consumers through electronic and print media through the "Incredible India" Campaign;
- Production and distribution of publicity material;
- Direct co-operative marketing with the airlines, tour operators and wholesalers in overseas markets;
- According greater focus to the emerging markets, particularly of China, North East Asia and South East Asia;

- Participation in Trade Fairs and Exhibitions;
- Use of internet and web marketing; and
- Re-inforced hospitality programmes including grant of air passages to invite media personnel, tour operators on familiarization tours to India to get first hand knowledge on various tourism products.

Special tourism zones in the country

†221. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government is setting up Special Tourism Zones in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of places identified under this scheme; and

(d) whether State Governments have also forwarded their suggestions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shortage of hotel accommodation

222. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to go in for development of camp sites and tent accommodation to tide over shortage of hotel accommodation for tourists in the country under Public Private Partnership mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have been asked to identify land and create facilities for lease of land to the private sector for setting up camps and initiate other measures to promote pilgrimage and adventure tourism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In order to facilitate the augmentation of accommodation especially in the budget category and to promote and facilitate eco, adventure, wildlife and pilgrimage tourism, Ministry of Tourism has formulated guidelines for setting up of Camp Sites and tented accommodation. The State Governments/Union Territories have been requested to earmark land at appropriate places for the development of such sites, provide basic infrastructure around them and facilitate/execute the lease of such land to the private sector through a transparent process. The Ministry of Tourism also provides Central Financial Assistance for the development of infrastructure under the scheme of product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits and proposals for Camp Sites can be submitted to Ministry of tourism under this scheme.

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